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Honorable William E. Colby Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Attention: Mr. George L. Cary

Legislative Counsel

Dear Mr. Colby:

This is in reply to Mr. Cary's request for advice on a draft bill, "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, as amended, and for other purposes," which the Agency desires to submit to Congress.

The purpose of the bill is to provide full funding and financing for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement system to parallel provisions contained in the Civil Service Retirement law, and those enacted and proposed for the Foreign Service retirement system.

The bill would also provide numerous "catch-up" benefits as well as certain technical changes to conform the CIA retirement system with new features enacted in recent years for the civil service system.

In the course of informal discussions with of your staff, it was agreed that certain changes would be made in the draft bill and accompanying papers to conform the provision for future changes in the system with an identical provision of S. 1943, 94th Congress, the pending Foreign Service Retirement Act amendments. As so modified, that provision of the bill would provide for future administrative adjustments in the CIA retirement system to be

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made by the President. The President would effect conforming changes in the CIA system after enactment of new or improved civil service retirement benefits, in those instances where the two systems have substantially identical provisions and application of the civil service provisions would be appropriate.

There is no objection from the standpoint of the Administration's program to submission of the draft bill to Congress, modified as indicated above.

Sincerely,

James M. Frey

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

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